PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

.In re Application of

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2557-00:

John NOTO et al.

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Title: OPTICAL MULTIPLEXER AND CROSS-SWITCH USING ETCHED LIQUID CRYSTAL FABRY-PEROT

ETALONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time extending the period for reply to the Office Action mailed Feb. 6, 2003 from March 6, 2003 to April 7, 2003 (April 6, 2003 falling on a Sunday). A check for the statutory fee of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith. The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees, and conversely, deposit any credit balance, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579.

Respectfully submitted,

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